

we believe in the common good. And you can't get the common good if we're not all at the table."

HONORING SENATOR MARK HATFIELD

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, on June 11, 1996, a dinner honoring Senator MARK HATFIELD, who will be retiring from the U.S. Senate in January, was hosted by Senator STEVENS and myself in the National Archives Rotunda. I was privileged to make remarks at this salute to my good friend and colleague, Senator HATFIELD. I ask unanimous consent that my remarks, as delivered, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the remarks were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

REMARKS OF SENATOR BYRD

The great Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once observed that, "Life is painting a picture, not doing a sum."

And, indeed, the transcendent life requires much, much more than a mere balance sheet of wins versus losses. Just as shade, hue and the subtle use of light distinguish great art, delicate nuances of character, honor and intellect provide the defining elements of a sublime human existence.

The man we honor here tonight has painted a life portrait worthy of Rembrandt. A deeply religious man, Mark Hatfield has done one of the hardest things in life for mere mortals to do. He has actually lived, and even more incredibly conducted a political career in near-perfect accordance with the teachings of his personal faith.

Mark Hatfield has been a faithful disciple of his own conscience. He has maintained that fidelity despite intense pressure sometimes from his own party. He has gone against the grain of popular public opinion. He was right about Vietnam when most of the rest of us, including myself, were wrong. He has sailed his boat against the wind time and time again, and only grown stronger from the experience. He has been called a "maverick;" yet, the quiet demeanor and ever gentle way of his conversation belie none of the steel in his spine.

The blind poet, Milton, wrote, "Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely, according to conscience above all liberties." We celebrate tonight the life and achievements of a man who has always known, and uttered, and argued freely from the dictates of his own keen inner voice. He is an inspiration to anyone who has been fortunate enough to watch him or to serve with him in public life. His kind is rare and growing rarer still in this vast city of towering egos, silly pretensions, and paper-mache values. Senator Hatfield is, in the words of Edwin Markham, "a man to hold against the world, a man to match the mountains and the sea."

Mark Hatfield's decision to return to the peaceful Oregon countryside leaves the United States Senate and this great country with a special kind of uneasy void. The political landscape of this nation will be suddenly starker for his leaving. Markham's words come once again to mind:

"... He held the ridgepole up, and spiked again

The rafters of the Home. He held his place—

Held the long purpose like a growing tree—
Held on through blame and faltered not at praise.

And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down

As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills.

And leaves a lonesome place against the sky."

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLOSE UP FOUNDATION

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Close Up Foundation on the celebration of its 25th anniversary.

I would like to start this tribute by recognizing Close Up's Oklahoma roots. A fellow Oklahoman, Harry Janger, encouraged and guided his son, Steve, in the creation of the Close Up Foundation. While we are saddened by Harry's passing earlier this year, his legacy lives on. Steve Janger, the president and founder of Close Up, is a native Oklahoman. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, the former president of the university's alumni association, and a continuing supporter of the university. Steve's family still resides in Oklahoma and he visits home as often as possible.

The strength Oklahoma gives to Close Up does not end with Steve Janger. He has involved many other Oklahomans on the foundation's board of directors. From the beginning, Close Up has benefitted from several distinguished graduates of the University of Oklahoma—Tom Kenan, Max Berry, and Gordon Zuber. Several years later, Joel Jankowsky, another distinguished Oklahoman, joined the Close Up board. These Oklahomans and the other board members serve without compensation and devote many hours of work to ensure the well-being of the foundation.

Their hard work and commitment has paid off. Close Up is the Nation's largest civic education organization, bringing approximately 25,000 participants a year to Washington for its various citizenship education programs. Close Up has participants from all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Pacific Island territories. Their principal program is the Washington High School Program. In addition, Close Up has developed programs for various special constituencies, in keeping with their mission of trying to reach at-risk or underserved students. This commitment has resulted in the creation of the program for new Americans, the program for Older Americans, a program for American Indians and Alaska Natives, and a program for Pacific Islanders.

Close Up's participants include all kinds of kids, from the academically gifted to those who struggle to stay in school. There are students with disabilities, students from inner cities, rural areas and suburban areas. There are students from all ethnic backgrounds and from all economic situations that are served by Close Up's efforts. Congress has appropriately recognized the importance of Close Up Foundation's work with students from virtually every background imaginable.

The uniqueness of Close Up is that it takes all of these students and puts them together for a week of learning. What results are strangers becoming best friends, young people breaking down stereotypes, and all of them learning the important lesson that as different as we all are, we all share the common bond of American citizenship and the responsibility for ensuring its continued greatness.

Mr. President, I want to congratulate Steve Janger, all of the other Oklahomans, and the thousands of people who have been associated with Close Up for the past 25 years. I wish them great success as they begin their work for another 25 years.

FOREIGN OIL CONSUMED BY THE UNITED STATES? HERE'S WEEKLY BOX SCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute reports that for the week ending June 7, the United States imported 8,000,000 barrels of oil each day, 1,100,000 barrels more than the 6,900,000 barrels imported during the same week a year ago.

Americans relied on foreign oil for 56 percent of their needs last week, and there are no signs that this upward spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf war, the United States obtained about 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970's, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

Anybody else interested in restoring domestic production of oil? U.S. producers provide jobs for American workers. Politicians had better ponder the economic calamity sure to occur in America if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the United States—now 8,000,000 barrels a day.

INDIANAPOLIS 500 WINNER BUDDY LAZIER

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, as a sports enthusiast, I take great pride on coming to the floor today to acknowledge the extraordinary accomplishments of members of the sports community from my home State of Colorado.

To begin, I would like to pay tribute to Buddy Lazier, winner of the 80th annual Indianapolis 500 which took place this past Memorial Day. Buddy, a resident of Vail, CO, comes from a family with a history in race car driving, his father also being an Indy car competitor and finisher.

Winning this event would be a tremendous achievement for any race car driver. What makes Buddy's victory so special is the personal courage and strength that it took for him to even compete in the race, for it was only this past March that Buddy suffered a broken back as the result of a crash that occurred in Phoenix, AZ.